



INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

[Investigation No. 337-TA-1342]

Certain Semiconductor Devices Having Layered Dummy Fill, Electronic Devices, and Components Thereof; Notice of Institution of Investigation

AGENCY: International Trade Commission.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that a complaint was filed with the U.S. International Trade Commission on October 14, 2022, under section 337 of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended, on behalf of Bell Semiconductor, LLC of Bethlehem, Pennsylvania. Supplements to the complaint were filed on October 25, 2022; October 31, 2022; and November 4, 2022. The complaint alleges violations of section 337 based upon the importation into the United States, the sale for importation, and the sale within the United States after importation of certain semiconductor devices having layered dummy fill, electronic devices, and components thereof by reason of the infringement of certain claims of U.S. Patent No. 7,396,760 (“the ’760 patent”). The complaint further alleges that an industry in the United States exists as required by the applicable Federal Statute. The complainant requests that the Commission institute an investigation and, after the investigation, issue a limited exclusion order and cease and desist orders.

ADDRESSES: The complaint, except for any confidential information contained therein, may be viewed on the Commission’s electronic docket (EDIS) at <https://edis.usitc.gov>. For help accessing EDIS, please email EDIS3Help@usitc.gov. Hearing impaired individuals are advised that information on this matter can be obtained by contacting the Commission’s TDD terminal on (202) 205-1810. Persons with mobility impairments who will need special assistance in gaining access to the Commission should contact the Office of the Secretary at (202) 205-2000. General information concerning the Commission may also be obtained by accessing its internet server at <https://www.usitc.gov>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Pathenia M. Proctor, The Office of Unfair Import Investigations, (202) 205-2560.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Authority: The authority for institution of this investigation is contained in section 337 of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended, 19 U.S.C. 1337, and in section 210.10 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, 19 CFR 210.10 (2022).

Scope of Investigation: Having considered the complaint, the U.S. International Trade Commission, on November 22, 2022, ORDERED THAT –

(1) Pursuant to subsection (b) of section 337 of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended, an investigation be instituted to determine whether there is a violation of subsection (a)(1)(B) of section 337 in the importation into the United States, the sale for importation, or the sale within the United States after importation of certain products identified in paragraph (2) by reason of infringement of one or more of claims 1-6 and 11-13 of the '760 patent, and whether an industry in the United States exists as required by subsection (a)(2) of section 337;

(2) Pursuant to section 210.10(b)(1) of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, 19 CFR 210.10(b)(1), the plain language description of the accused products or category of accused products, which defines the scope of the investigation, is “semiconductor devices, and specifically undiced wafers, diced wafers, packaged chips and chipsets both attached and unattached to printed circuit boards; and end products incorporating such articles, specifically amplifiers, LIDAR sensor systems, automotive control modules, WiFi routers, and cameras”;

(3) Pursuant to Commission Rule 210.50(b)(1), 19 CFR 210.50(b)(1), the presiding administrative law judge shall take evidence or other information and hear arguments from the parties or other interested persons with respect to the public interest in this investigation, as appropriate, and provide the Commission with findings of fact and a recommended

determination on this issue, which shall be limited to the statutory public interest factors set forth in 19 U.S.C. 1337(d)(1), (f)(1), (g)(1);

(4) For the purpose of the investigation so instituted, the following are hereby named as parties upon which this notice of investigation shall be served:

(a) The complainant is:

Bell Semiconductor, LLC

One West Broad Street

Suite 901

Bethlehem, PA 18018

(b) The respondents are the following entities alleged to be in violation of section 337, and are the parties upon which the complaint is to be served:

Analog Devices Inc.

1 Technology Way

Norwood, MA 02062

Bose Corporation

100 The Mountain Road

Framingham, MA 01701

Marvell Technology Group, Ltd.

Canon's Court

22 Victoria Street,

Hamilton HM 12

Bermuda

Marvell Semiconductor, Inc.

5488 Marvell Lane
Santa Clara, CA 95054

Suteng Innovation Technology Co., Ltd.
d/b/a RoboSense
RoboSense Building, Block 1
South of Zhongguan Hongjialing Industrial
District
No. 1213 Liuxian Avenue, Taoyuan Street
Nanshan District, Shenzhen 518023
China

Kioxia Corporation
3-1-21, Shibaura, Minato-ku
Tokyo 108-0023
Japan

Kioxia America, Inc.
2610 Orchard Pkwy
San Jose, CA 95134

MaxLinear, Inc.
5966 La Place Court
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Carlsbad, CA 92008

Linksys USA, Inc.

121 Theory Drive

Irvine, CA 92617

MACOM Technology Solutions, Inc.

100 Chelmsford Street

Lowell, MA 01851

Silicon Laboratories, Inc.

400 West Cesar Chavez

Austin, TX 78701

DENSO Corporation

1 Chome-1 Showacho

Kariya, Aichi 448-0029

Japan

Skyworks Solutions, Inc.

5260 California Avenue

Irvine, CA 92617

OmniVision Technologies, Inc.

4275 Burton Drive

Santa Clara, CA 95054

Arlo Technologies, Inc.
480 N McCarthy Blvd Suite 200
Milpitas, CA 95035

(c) The Office of Unfair Import Investigations, U.S. International Trade Commission, 500 E Street, S.W., Suite 401, Washington, D.C. 20436; and

(5) For the investigation so instituted, the Chief Administrative Law Judge, U.S. International Trade Commission, shall designate the presiding Administrative Law Judge.

Responses to the complaint and the notice of investigation must be submitted by the named respondents in accordance with section 210.13 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, 19 CFR 210.13. Pursuant to 19 CFR 201.16(e) and 210.13(a), as amended in 85 FR 15798 (March 19, 2020), such responses will be considered by the Commission if received not later than 20 days after the date of service by the complainant of the complaint and the notice of investigation. Extensions of time for submitting responses to the complaint and the notice of investigation will not be granted unless good cause therefor is shown.

Failure of a respondent to file a timely response to each allegation in the complaint and in this notice may be deemed to constitute a waiver of the right to appear and contest the allegations of the complaint and this notice, and to authorize the administrative law judge and the Commission, without further notice to the respondent, to find the facts to be as alleged in the complaint and this notice and to enter an initial determination and a final determination containing such findings, and may result in the issuance of an exclusion order or a cease and desist order or both directed against the respondent.

By order of the Commission.

Issued: November 23, 2022.

Jessica Mullan,
Acting Supervisory Attorney.